

Duty of land-owners to furnish hands.

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Proviso.

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Powers and duties of stream commissioners.

Commissioner or overseer failing to perform duty guilty of a misdemeanor.

Wilful obstruction, &c., of streams a misdemeanor.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of each land-owner, after five days notice by the overseer, to furnish the number of hands as ascertained and allotted by the county commissioners, and also it shall be the duty of each tenant and cropper assigned by said county commissioners, after five days notice, to furnish such tools as they may be notified by said overseer to furnish, which hands so furnished by the land-owner, and the tenants and croppers, shall work on said stream or water-course under the supervision of the overseer not less than four and not exceeding twenty days in any one year: *Provided, however*, that in lieu of said work any land-owner may pay one dollar per day for each hand each day required to work, or any tenant or cropper paying a like sum for each day required to work they may be discharged from said work.

SEC. 8. That it shall be the duty of said overseers, with the persons or hands as assigned, or with the money received in lieu of work, to clean out the channels, remove all obstructions, improve the banks, widen and deepen the streams, or cut a new channel or straighten the same, as may be deemed necessary by the commissioners; and he is fully empowered to cut any brush or timber necessary for said purposes.

SEC. 9. That any land-owner failing to furnish hands as required, or to pay money in lieu thereof, as stated in a preceding section, or if any tenant or cropper shall fail to work on said streams or water-courses or pay money in lieu thereof, after having been duly notified as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars or imprisoned not less than ten days, in the discretion of the court; that any justice of the peace of the county shall have jurisdiction to bind over parties violating this act, and the superior court in term time to try and punish the offender: *Provided*, the provisions of this act shall not apply to tenants or croppers working any of the lands herein described under a lease or contract of one year or less.

SEC. 10. That the three commissioners appointed by the county commissioners as directed in section four of this act shall have a general supervision of the work on said streams, and it shall be their duty to lay out and direct such work as in their judgment is needed; and it shall be the duty of the overseers to carry out their directions.

SEC. 11. That any person appointed commissioner or overseer as directed by this act [who] shall fail to perform the duties herein prescribed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than twenty dollars or imprisoned not less than ten days, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 12. That any person who shall wilfully and knowingly fell timber or otherwise obstruct the waters in the channels of said streams or water-courses, between said points of said boundary, and shall permit the same to remain therein for the space of twenty days,